

FIFTY-SECOND YEAR. HOW SALT LAKE SALOONS PROSPER

Spring Up and Wax Strong Where Other Branches of Trade Have Died Out—Instances Cited—Some Startling Figures.

How many saloons are there in Salt Lake City and what kind of a business are they doing? The question, or rather the answer to the first query, the second number of the "News" readers, is the answer to the first query the second number of the "News" readers.

In the years 1895, 1896 and 1897 the amount of money received for liquor licenses netted the city \$240,585.65. During the three following years, ending like 1899, the city treasurer's office reported \$271,964.43, making a total of more than half a million dollars paid to the city in that time for the privilege of selling liquor in this city, with a gain of \$31,806.42 over the period embraced in the first three years, or an average increase of \$10,635.47 per year. Liquor licenses cost \$300 per quarter or \$1,200 per year. There has been an increase of twenty-seven saloons in Salt Lake of nine per cent for the last three years.

Here are some figures that are almost startling in their insignificance when compared with those given above. The combined receipts for merchants and miscellaneous licenses for the year 1899 were only \$46,237.44, an increase over the year previous of but \$2,241.19, thus it will be seen that the liquor license fund is more than twice that paid for merchants and other licenses; also that the increase of liquor licenses are nearly five times as great as the merchants' and miscellaneous licenses.

The comparison does not show a very brilliant picture; and the figures will doubtless surprise a great many Salt Lake people. As to what can be done or what should be done in the premises, that is still another question, and one that will furnish food for thought and ample room for wholesome work on the part of those whose special business it is to remedy such conditions.

FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE PACIFIC.

Harriman Secures Control of the Southern Pacific for the Union Pacific—Also Mail Steamship Line to the Orient.

New York, Feb. 1.—Another railroad acquisition, seeking it is believed further in its ultimate results than any of the deals which have thus far marked the closing of the old and beginning of the new century, became known just a few minutes before the closing of the market this afternoon, when the transfer of the control of the Southern Pacific capital into the hands of a syndicate in which Union Pacific predominates, was announced. The transaction completes the last necessary step for the establishment of a transcontinental railroad under a new control. This control is at present vested in E. H. Harriman.

The new route includes the following: New York, Chicago, except the Southern Pacific, Mr. Harriman is officially announced. Starting at San Francisco, passing over the Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific direct to Ogden, then over the Union Pacific to Omaha City and thence over the Chicago and North Western to Chicago, and thence over the Illinois Central direct to Chicago, and the Baltimore and Ohio connects with the Atlantic seaboard. The control of the Southern Pacific, which has been in the hands of the Harriman interests, is now being transferred to the Union Pacific. The Harriman interests, which have been in the hands of the Harriman interests, are now being transferred to the Union Pacific.

AFTER THE BURLINGTON. Reports have recently been current that negotiations are pending for the control of the Burlington, which would meet the Union Pacific at both Omaha and Kansas City and afford a direct route to Chicago. The Union Pacific, which has been in the hands of the Harriman interests, is now being transferred to the Union Pacific.

TERMINAL DEAL. It may perhaps be a coincidence, but it certainly appears highly significant, that the announcement of the purchase of the control of the Southern Pacific should follow so closely upon the purchase of the Central Pacific and Chicago Terminal Transfer company and its connecting lines. A week ago Mr. Harriman bought the Ditcher bank holdings of this company through Messrs. Kuhn, Loeb & Co., who are likewise interested with him in the present deal. The yards in and about Chicago are owned by the Terminal Transfer company. They comprise 760 acres, with a total of 230 miles of track. The company also owns the Grand Central passenger station and 2,500 feet of docks on the Chicago river.

SECURED THE STOCK. Chairman Tweed was requested to make a statement dealing with the reported change of control, but he twice declined to say anything. With Acting Vice President Gates of the Southern Pacific, Mr. Tweed is an executor of the

late C. P. Huntington's will. The banking-house of Speyer & Co. was for some years prior to Mr. Huntington's death the fiscal agent of the Huntington properties. The Speyers held large accounts of Southern Pacific bonds for their European clients. According to current reports they were anxious to acquire possession of the Huntington shares. It is said they made an offer for the entire block but the price offered was unsatisfactory. It was then, according to Wall street gossip, that the Harriman syndicate stepped in, obtaining an option on the Huntington shares and making it to the Speyers the price they were willing to pay all around.

CAPITALIZATION OF ROAD. The Southern Pacific is said to have the largest capitalization of the American roads, its stock being capitalized at \$200,000,000. The properties concerned in the deal directly and indirectly represent, it is said, an investment of \$200,000,000. The Harriman syndicate is supposed to be divided into portions of one-eighth, E. H. Harriman holding two of these and the rest being distributed as follows: J. P. Morgan and W. K. Vanderbilt, one-fourth; Rockefeller interests, one-eighth; George Gould, one-eighth; Kuhn, Loeb & Co., one-fourth.

STORY OF THE DEAL. The history of this transaction dates back to shortly before the death of Collis P. Huntington last summer. Mr. Huntington, to whom overtures for the acquisition of his stock were made, declined to sell. His heirs, however, were more ready, but they refused, as well as Mr. Speyer, an offer of \$1 a share for the entire block. The Harriman syndicate, which the syndicate made to them for the whole of their holdings. It is understood that they named a price far above \$50 a share as the one they would consider. Such an offer was made it is said, but it was not accepted until today. H. E. Huntington, nephew of the late C. P. Huntington, arrived here today but declined to talk.

WHAT SPEYER SAYS. James Speyer late tonight said: "I received an offer for my holdings of Southern Pacific stock, and I have parted with them at the figure agreed upon. 'Will you state what the figure was or who was the purchaser?' 'No,' Mr. Speyer said, 'that would be contrary to my agreement with the purchaser, who desired the facts to be kept secret. No, I cannot say what was the amount of the purchase.' 'Does this sale include or have anything to do with the Huntington holdings?' 'I am speaking altogether of my own stock. My father may have been done in regard to the Huntington holdings, but will have to come from others. There is no doubt, however, that some arrangement was made with regard to them.'

EXPECTS NO CHANGES.

President C. M. Hays of the Southern Pacific Talks About Big Deal. San Francisco, Feb. 2.—President C. M. Hays, of the Southern Pacific company, when asked if he thought the sale of the controlling interest in the company to the Harriman syndicate would lead to important changes of management or policy, said:

"I see no prospect of any marked change in Southern Pacific affairs so far as the public interest is concerned. What difference does it make to the public whether a railroad is owned by one man or whether its voting stock is held by a hundred different interests, so long as it is managed in accordance with a broad and liberal policy which conserves the property and serves the public as much as the interests of the stockholders? I do not look for any startling changes in conditions as a result of the change of ownership. The Southern Pacific will go ahead very much as if no change had taken place. Its interests, in a traffic sense, are pretty well defined and are not to be disturbed by any new or revolutionary policy. In fact, I do not look for any material change of policy. The Southern Pacific and California will not perceive, by any outward indication, that there has been a change of ownership. I do not think the sale means one set of officers for the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific. The two roads are big properties and can best be handled by separate sets of officers, as at present."

Referring to his own position, Mr. Hays said he had no reason to suppose that he would be asked to leave. He was on terms of friendship with the syndicate members of the purchasing syndicate, and spoke highly of Mr. Harriman's ability as a railroad man. President Hays spent the night in his private car on Oakland and started this morning on a tour of inspection of the western division of the Southern Pacific.

William H. Crocker, speaking of the big deal, said that he was not surprised at the sale. He was on terms of friendship with the syndicate members of the purchasing syndicate, and spoke highly of Mr. Harriman's ability as a railroad man. President Hays spent the night in his private car on Oakland and started this morning on a tour of inspection of the western division of the Southern Pacific.

OUTPUT OF POSTAGE STAMPS. That for January Largest in History of the Government. Washington, Feb. 2.—The output of United States postage stamps at the bureau of engraving and printing during the January was the largest in the history of the government, the total number being 54,475,415, of which 5,448,450 were put up in the little book form.

MRS. NATION TO SALOON MEN. She Affectionately Addresses Them as "My Dear Hell-Bound-Sinners." Topeka, Kan., Feb. 1.—Mrs. Carrie Nation today sent a personal letter to the saloon-keepers in Topeka warning them to stop their hell-bound sinners. The letter was addressed to "The Joint-keepers of Topeka, my dear hell-bound sinners. Mrs. Nation suggested in the letter that the joint-keepers appoint a place of meeting with her at which the situation could be carefully canvassed and the decision concerning the future disposition of the joints arrived at. She insisted that the forcible means would soon begin if they did not heed her advice and close up.

GRAVE CHARGES AGAINST WILCOX

Hawaiian Delegate Said to Be in League With Filipinos.

COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE

Offered His Services to Aguinaldo to Fight Americans—Gear of Honolulu the Accuser.

Washington, Feb. 1.—A petition containing charges was submitted today to the House committee on elections No. 1 against Robert W. Wilcox, the Hawaiian representative in the House of Representatives. The charges are made in writing by George D. Gear of Hawaii, who submitted letters purporting to be copies of letters written by Wilcox to Filipino officials. The alleged letters are of a highly sensational character.

One of the letters said to be written by Wilcox, is given in duplicate. It is dated Honolulu, January 31, 1899, and addressed to Dr. J. Joseph Losada, Capt. Marti Burgos and Senor J. Luna, and introduced to them a "friend of mine who is a very able man to help you in your cause." Among other things, the letter says:

"Mr. — will be a useful ally to fight for the cause of the Filipinos. One thing is sure, that you could resist against any army of invasion you have a population of 12,000,000 and already a disciplined army of 20,000, which will be equipped with modern arms. 'I have already made up my mind to join with you in your country against America in case they insist to ignore the right, the justice of your cause. I know well my profession as an artillery officer. I have no fear of the whole world when I fight for a legitimate cause like yours. Between Gen. Aguinaldo's determination and myself it will be but a very little chance left to the invading army of the United States to conquer your country. Tell Gen. Aguinaldo I am all ready to give my services for your country, and I am ready to obey orders to go to your country and fight for the independence of your people and country at any moment.' The letter bears the alleged signature of Robert Wilcox.

Another letter, dated Honolulu, March 8, 1899, says: "I am thinking of going to the Philippine Islands and give my assistance to Aguinaldo against the invaders—the hypocritical Yankees, the carpet-bag politicians." Mr. Wilcox declined to make any extended answer to the charges filed by Mr. Gear. He says he has no fear of the charges made. He admits that he wrote a letter to Dr. Losada, Capt. Burgos and Senor Luna, C. Caesar Moreno, an Italian of this city, whom he had known while the latter was in Hawaii in the 80s. Moreno had a meteoric career in Hawaii. For a few days he was secretary of state. Mr. Wilcox says Moreno is the person to whom the unaddressed letter filed by Mr. Gear was addressed, but says it was unable, after a cursory examination, to say whether the letters filed were exact copies of those he sent.

The petition of Gear recites that there was no election machinery when Wilcox was elected delegate in November, 6, 1900, and that many voters did not believe that a valid election could be held without it, and therefore made no attempt to vote. The petition then brings personal charges against Wilcox relating to his marriage and also to his career under the kingdom of Hawaii.

It is also alleged "that Wilcox, in his speech prior to election, made use of the name of the Philippine Islands for the purpose of carrying the election, telling the native Hawaiians that the Americans had stolen their country, and that a vote for him was a vote for the restoration of the queen, and that he would serve to bring her back restored; that Wilcox was and is guilty of treason against the United States, in that he, as petitioner is informed and believes, since the annexation of Hawaii, has been in the United States, and through the United States mail letters highly treasonable in their nature, wherein he did counsel and incite others to engage in open rebellion against the United States, and did offer his services to Gen. Aguinaldo to go to the Philippines and fight and engage in open rebellion against the United States, copies of which letters are herewith filed."

The petition concludes as follows: "Wherefore, by reason of the foregoing facts, petitioner submits that said Wilcox is not entitled to a seat in the House of Representatives during the Fifty-sixth or Fifty-seventh Congress, and that he should be ousted therefrom."

URNS WHISKY IN TO SEWER.

A Hawatha Druggist Determines to Destroy All His Liquor.

Hawatha, Kan., Feb. 1.—E. J. Eyerbach, a local druggist, today made public his determination to destroy all his liquor in his store. This afternoon he poured a barrel of whisky into the sewer and announced that on Saturday he would probably destroy the remains of his supply of liquor, including several barrels of wines and whiskies. The affair will be made one of rejoicing, the local ministers and the public having been invited to attend. The druggist has concluded that to sell liquor for any purpose is wrong.

To Relieve Capt. Chester.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Among the passengers sailing on the steamship China were Capt. C. S. Stockton, who will take command of the battleship Kentucky in Asiatic waters, relieving Capt. Chester, who took the vessel out from New York. R. H. Chamberlain, the new collector of the port at Honolulu, G. E. Fletcher, an internal revenue officer, and Judge A. S. Hartwell.

ARMY REORGANIZATION LAW.

Principal Appointments Provided for Practically Determined On.

Washington, Feb. 1.—There will be no delay at the war department in executing the army reorganization law. All the principal appointments provided for in the bill practically have been decided upon by the President. A list of these nominations has been made out at the war department and will be submitted to the Senate without delay as soon as the bill is signed.

The impression prevails at the war

WAYWARD GIRL RETURNS HOME.

Receives Twenty Dollars from the Man Whom She Charges With Her Downfall—Police Say "News" Exposure Had a Wholesome Effect.

A few days ago the "News" published the story of the downfall and expressed determination of a young girl to lead an abandoned life, and of how she had been, according to her own story, led astray by a well known business man, through the medium of late suppers and wine shop evils.

"You can say for the police," said Detective Sheets, "that the publication of that story has done more good for Salt Lake morals in a short time than the publication of any other article of recent date. Not only has it caused people to live on the seamy side of life, as the 'News' put it, to be more circumspect in their conduct, but it has also had a decidedly wholesome effect on the keepers of alleged respectable restaurants. Altogether it has done a very great amount of good and has served notice on not a few that they, too, are liable to exposure unless they change their course."

The article also resulted in another and more successful attempt being made to save the young girl from the worst trap in the city for intention of permanently entering, as after it was read to her and further intimations she was consented to go home, and under official protection was taken there. It is said also that her association with the business man referred to has been entirely severed, although he is reported to have sent her

A RECORD-BREAKING ICE HARVEST

There Will be No Lack of the "Crystal Preservative" in Utah This Year—The Crop Will Exceed One Hundred Thousand Tons.

The heaviest ice harvest ever gathered in Utah was produced this winter. Never before since the business assumed anything like its present proportions have such favorable climatic conditions obtained for the ice man. Generally speaking, the weather has been cold and clear with little snow to interfere with the constantly increasing thickness of the product. As a result, an unprecedented quantity has been stored for the coming season's use.

It is estimated that this winter's yield in Utah will exceed 100,000 tons. Last year the State consumed about 70,000 tons, more than half of which was used in the Woodcock Hotel. There is no reason to believe that there will be a big margin for export this year, and that it will not be necessary to resort to importation as was the case last summer during the heated period. It will be remembered that late in the summer not a few business houses and many private residences were unable to get ice at any price, and that the storage companies were compelled to ship it from Denver and other Colorado points.

"Customarily much of the ice is not harvested until February, and even as late as the first of March, but this winter has been an exception in that most ice houses are already filled and that, too, with the thickest layers of natural ice that they have held in a long time. Associated with the fact of so large a yield is the question whether or not there will be a cut in prices over those that prevailed last year. The answer to this query the dealers appear to be in doubt. Some say that it will make no difference, but others aver that the plentifulness of the product is certain to make it cheaper."

SHOULD LIFT ITS HAT TO SALT LAKE.

That is the Duty of the Country, Says the National Provisioner—Chicago Must Break a World's Record to Outclass Us.

Col. John Fletcher Hobbs, editor of the National Provisioner, published simultaneously in New York and Chicago, writes this of this city: Every male citizen of Salt Lake City is entitled to free drinks wherever a stockman is found in these United States, and every Salt Lake City lady is entitled to have the hat of every live stock man in this country lifted to her for the royal manner in which the 5,000 delegates and guests which the fourth annual convention of the National Live Stock association drew to Salt Lake City this week. I will make free to say that every citizen in this country should lift its hat to the metropolis of the salt main for the faultless and the prodigious way in which the people of this beautiful and hospitable Queen City received and entertained the delegates and their wives during this whole week.

ENTERTAINED EVERY MINUTE. The city threw open her generous and friendly arms and folded the visitors to her warm breast and just made them feel at home. It really seemed as if every minute was planned into some happy function which had injected into it the essence of pleasure. No one could feel lonesome or get tired, the events were so evenly and happily balanced.

The entertainment and reception committees were big in size, heart, brain and energy. Every niche and crevice seemed to have been seen and covered. There was no room to kick and no time to kick. The ladies of Salt Lake City sweetly seconded the gentlemen in a dual set of enjoyable affairs, which filled in the time of the visiting ladies most pleasantly. So well did the ladies succeed as hostesses that everyone is praising the daughters of this lovely and enchanting city. The tongue of every visitor to Salt Lake City this week is singing the praises of this hotel territorial Zion.

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220 in the hope that she would deal as leniently with him as possible, under the circumstances. This particular business man's road has been made somewhat rougher by the fact that the young woman in question had several other admirers, one of them a festive young broker who, with the business man, engaged in a lively altercation a few evenings ago at the Commercial street resort where the girl had temporarily taken up her abode. The fear of a sensational denouement, however, is said to have prevented any really dangerous hostilities.

Regarding the wine room evil which has been the source of endless trouble to the Salt Lake police department, Chief Hinton says that it was given a severe blow by the passage of the ordinance which prohibits the presence of females in saloons between the hours of 7 p. m. and 7 a. m. The finding of one proprietor of a saloon for the infraction of this ordinance has had a tendency, he says, to cause other proprietors to be more careful. When 7 o'clock in the evening comes it is a general signal for women of questionable repute to clear out of these places. Some of the worst traps in the city for the thoughtless young people of some of the so-called respectable restaurants which not only lure to wine but also greatly damage the reputation and business of the really respectable ones. Next to them is the rooming house evil, and both, it is said, will receive particular police attention from this time on.

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